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Life is too brief. Between the budding and the falling leaf. Between the seed-time and the golden sheaf. For hate and spite. We have no time for malice and for greed.

surprised when they learn of the state of affairs here? Pendleton people pay much more for gas than do the people of Walla Walla. We endure poor street lighting service from the electric company.

CRITICISING OFFICIALS.

Discussing the decision by the supreme court of Missouri in a libel suit the Chicago Record-Herald says: Adhering to established principles, and taking a very natural and short step forward, the Supreme Court of Missouri has held that it is not libelous for a newspaper severely to arraign an official for neglect of duty.

It is obvious that this is sound law and sound policy. Public men, like others, are entitled to fair play. But they must not be too thin-skinned. If they fall in their duty, they cannot complain that attacks on them are a little too harsh or too uncharitable.

THE BEST REMEDY.

The best way to insure reform in the city's book-keeping system will be for everybody to vote for commission government at the election in December. The commission plan looks to placing all the affairs of the city upon a business basis.

CONSISTENCY.

Fearing the defeat of Taft at the hands of LaFollette or by a progressive democrat the reactionaries are making strenuous efforts to bring about the nomination of Judson Harmon by the democrats.

Will the Oregonian support Governor Harmon if he is nominated? If not where is the consistency in that paper's stealthy work for Harmon and its criticisms of the East Oregonian for its open endorsement of La Follette—a man whom this paper may support if nominated?

The coast cities are given lower back haul rates. The powers that be seem to act upon the assumption that what is right and just in the way of freight rates depends much upon the size of the party interested.

Pendleton should also show its appreciation of the branch asylum by ordering the improvement of the streets leading down to the institution.

Now that Beattie is dead and the tar and feathering case is ended perhaps there will be some news of a more savory nature.

THE WATER PROBLEM.

Pendleton, Ore., Nov. 24, '11. Editor East Oregonian: Will you please allow me space in your valuable paper to state a few facts, and express my views, on what in my opinion is the most important subject this city has had under consideration, within the past 21 years of my residence in Pendleton.

and have always been, partial towards a gravity system for municipal purposes, as when properly installed the actual outlay is practically ended.

There are four points that we certainly should all agree upon: First, an abundance of pure water, not less than 1 1/2 to 2 million gallons available every 24 hours.

Second, at an elevation sufficient to supply all residents and prospective residents, for the next decade.

Third, a gravity system, that the operating expenses may be reduced to a minimum cost.

Fourth, at the least outlay possible, to reach the first three requirements of the Thorn Hollow scheme, I am certainly opposed, from the very fact that we can get the same, if not better results at about 40 per cent, less outlay, or the difference in the cost of laying a pipe 3 1/4 miles and one 16 miles. I know whereof I speak, and the only question for the taxpayers to consider, is do they wish to pay, out in cold cash 40 per cent more for the identical article. I hardly think so, if there are any that would prefer such a deal I should be pleased to hear from him.

Yours truly, JOHN W. KIMBRELL.

NO MORE HANGINGS WHILE WEST RULES

Salem, Ore., Nov. 25.—The last official act of Governor West before he left Salem was to announce that the death sentence to Jans M. William Hassing, sentenced to hang December 19 for murdering his wife, would be commuted to life imprisonment. The governor went further and declared there would be no more necks broken by the state of Oregon as long as he was chief executive.

Why Should I Use Cuticura Soap?

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To have pure and wholesome food, be sure that your baking powder is made from cream of tartar and not from alum.

The Label will guide you

Royal is the only baking powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar

No Alum No Lime Phosphates

I believe that imprisonment for life should be the penalty for shedding human blood. I recommended the abolition of capital punishment to the last legislature. I will again make the same recommendation in 1912, unless the law has been previously amended at the general election of 1912.

WITH JENNY.

With Jenny, in the woodland ways and life has joys a-many; I thank the Lord, just all my days, for goin' long with Jenny.

Advertisement for Perfection Smokeless Oil Heater. Includes an illustration of the heater and text: "Essential to Comfort. Warmth is essential to comfort. As you grow older, it is hardly less essential to health."

IS IT ANY WONDER? A well informed gentleman of San Francisco who was here Thursday expressed surprise at Pendleton's condition with reference to its electrical and gas supply. He is a strong believer in municipal ownership of such utilities.

HIS TROUBLE NOT OF HEART

Real Facts in Regard To F. R. Huffman's Illness. Relief Obtained By Curing His Stomach Ailments.

Waynesville, N. C.—Mr. F. R. Huffman, of this city, says: "I suffered dreadfully with what I thought was heart trouble, and tried various medicines in vain."

After other remedies had failed, Thedford's Black-Draught restored me to health. I would not feel safe without Black-Draught in the house. I consider it worth its weight in gold.

It cured my indigestion, and by this means I was restored to health. I can not express my gratitude for its benefits."

Good health depends on the condition of your digestion. Poor digestion and good health do not go together.

Thedford's Black-Draught will thoroughly cleanse and set in order your digestive system.

It has done this for others, during the past 70 years, and is today the most popular vegetable liver remedy on the market. Try it.

Insist on Thedford's. Price 25c.

Advertisement for Dale Rothwell, Optometrist. Includes an illustration of an eye and text: "Small Defects of the Eye. If neglected grow to great ones. Many eye diseases as well as poor sight are caused by eye-strain resulting from errors of refraction."

Advertisement for Central Meat Market. Includes the text "THE Thanksgiving Spirit" and "Send us your order for Turkeys Ducks Sealshipt Oysters Geese Chickens Choice Meats". Includes an illustration of a turkey and a person.

Advertisement for Hotel St. George Bar. Includes text: "Hotel St. George Bar. GEO. DARVEAU, Proprietor. Pendleton's Popular Gentlemen's Resort. Anheuser-Busch's famous BUDWEISER BEER on draught, 5c glass."

Advertisement for St. Paul's School. Includes text: "ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL. Opens Sept. 14. Boarding and Day School for Girls. Primary, Intermediate, Academic Special and Post-Graduate Courses."

Advertisement for Dr. Gray, The Painless Dentist. Includes text: "DR. GRAY THE PAINLESS DENTIST. NOW AT THE BOWMAN HOTEL WILL REMAIN ANOTHER WEEK. The Dr. has already operated upon numbers of Pendleton's citizens, all of whom will tell you that he does exactly as he claims."

Advertisement for Auto Cab. Includes text: "When you want THE AUTO CAB. PHONE MAIN 408. The OREGON MOTOR CO. 315 E. COURT ST."

Advertisement for Pendleton Drug Co. Includes text: "The Pendleton Drug Co. is in business for 'Your Good Health'. REMEMBER THIS WHEN YOU HAVE PRESCRIPTIONS, OR WANT PURE MEDICINES"

Advertisement for F & S Toiletries. Includes text: "HEADQUARTERS FOR Toilet Goods. We are Sole Manufacturers and Distributors of the Celebrated F & S TOILET CREAM COLD CREAM TOOTH POWDER and MT. HOOD CREAM. Tallman & Co. Leading Druggists of Eastern Oregon."